

In the Claims:

Please rewrite the following claim.

~~260~~ (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

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- (a) a polynucleotide encoding [the same] mature Tumor Necrosis Factor Receptor polypeptide as encoded by the cDNA in ATCC Deposit No. 75899; and
 - (b) the complement of (a).

Remarks

The undersigned would like to thank Examiner Pak for the consideration he extended in the interview on January 21, 1999. The rejections set forth in the Final Office Action were discussed in detail during the interview. The foregoing amendments and the following remarks address the issues raised in the Final Office Action and comports with the suggestions made by the Examiner during the interview.

Claims 31 and 36-85 remain pending. Support for claim amendments can be found in the specification at page 7, lines 7-14.

Applicants believe this amendment places the claims in condition for allowance and does not raise new issues or require a new search. Moreover, their entry will simplify the issues for appeal because the amendment and remarks should overcome the pending §§ 112 and 102 rejections. Therefore, entry of the proposed amendments and reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

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